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eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board Information Exchange Workgroup September 14, 2006

Location: 1 W. Wilson Street, Room 372, Madison

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Members

- John Hartman
- Scott Novogoratz
- Susan Turney
- Denise Webb
- Louise Wenzlow
- Hugh Zettel (Chair)

Resources

- Keith Haugrud
- Terry Hiltz

- Debbie Rickelman

Staff

- Seth Foldy
- Stacia Jankowski
- Audrey Nohel
- Judith Nugent
- Susan Wood

Guests

- Christopher Alban

Approval of meeting minutes

The minutes of September 7 were approved with modifications related to the recommendations from the Patient Care Workgroup on the Guiding Principles document.

Review of technical requirements identified

Stacia Jankowski presented a revised scatter plot, which plots the technical requirements identified and scored by the workgroup for feasibility and timeframe scores. She noted that these results are not intended to be statistically significant, but to provide a starting point for evaluating the view of the workgroup on the technical requirements identified for the assumptions and recommendations of the other workgroups.

Comments made on this tool included:

- Its usefulness as a means for identifying questions, priorities, and areas needing further development.
- Concern over the placement of the lines as these are arbitrarily placed halfway along the axis.

Scott Novogoratz said that in scoring the requirements he had organized them into some natural categories, which he volunteered to provide for the workgroup. He said that by grouping like topics, he was more clearly able to see where certain requirements may be necessary or preliminary to other requirements in the list. The workgroup will rescore the requirements and review results at the next meeting.

Guiding principles

A revised version of this document incorporating the Patient Care Workgroup comments will be discussed at the face-to-face meeting scheduled for September 21.

Key products discussion

The workgroup discussed how to identify some of the key products to be identified in the action plan. There was consensus that the issue of a master person index (MPI) has been continuously raised and therefore needs to be considered. Mr. Novogoratz suggested that the workgroup consider building on systems already in place, such as the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR). Susan Wood said that the Administrator of the Division of Health Care Financing, Kevin Hayden, is working on providing a report on the two systems within the Department that contain an MPI: the Medicaid system and WIR. This should provide information about their architecture and functionality. Hugh Zettel said that he has been talking with representatives from Initiate, which is a company that helps to provide these services at a state level, about information they could provide that could be shared with the broader team.

Mr. Zettel also said that there are options for building upon the funding opportunities that exist, such as the Medicaid Transformation Grant. Ms. Wood responded that this grant does address the adoption of health information technology and the exchange of information for the Medicaid population.

Mr. Zettel discussed aligning the workgroups efforts with those occurring nationally, particularly in regard to the use case scenarios that have been developed. The Patient Care Workgroup has been working on use cases that closely align with the American Health Information (AHIC) use case scenarios although in a slightly different order. The workgroup agreed to discuss the Patient Care Workgroup use case scenarios at the September 21 meeting.

Agenda for September 21

Suggested agenda items for the next meeting include:

- Guiding principles review
- Technical requirements scoring exercise - discussion of the newly scored results after regrouping
- Review of the Information Exchange Workgroup recommendations to date
- Discussion of use case scenarios - joint discussion with the Patient Care Workgroup
- Discussion of architecture at both state and regional levels - identifying how this could look